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Companies are expressing their opposition to Trump's immigration orders. 4

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# OBAMA DISAGREES WITH RELIGION DISCRIMINATION

1 Barack Obama is heartened by the political activism he sees across the country and disagrees with discrimination against people based on their religion, a spokesman said on Monday. Kevin Lewis, a spokesman for Obama, said the former president who left office 10 days ago "fundamentally disagrees with the notion of discriminating against individuals because of their faith or religion." "Citizens

exercising their Constitutional right to assemble, organize and have their voices heard by their elected officials is exactly what we expect to see when American values are at stake," Lewis said. He said Obama was "heartened by the level of engagement taking place in communities around the country." REUTERS

# TRUMP EXECUTIVE ORDER TO SLASH REGULATIONS

2 President Donald Trump signed an order on Monday that will seek to dramatically pare back federal regulations by requiring agencies to cut two existing regulations for every new rule introduced. Trump's latest executive action will prepare a process for the White House to set an annual cap on the cost of new regulations. For the rest of fiscal 2017, the cap will require that the cost of any additional regulations be completely offset by undoing existing rules. "There will be regulation, there will be control, but it will be normalized control," Trump said as he signed the order in the Oval Office, surrounded by a group of small business owners. Trump, a businessman turned politician, campaigned on a promise to reduce federal regulations that he said burdened American businesses. REUTERS

# GEORGE H.W. BUSH RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL

3 Former U.S. President George H.W. Bush, 92, was discharged on Monday from a Houston hospital where he was treated for more than two weeks after developing pneumonia, a spokesman said. "He is thankful for the many prayers and kind messages he received during his stay, as well as the world-class care that both his doctors and nurses provided," spokesman Jim McGrath said in a statement. Bush, the country's oldest-living ex-president, was released from Houston Methodist Hospital, where he was admitted on Jan. 14 while experiencing shortness of breath. He had been working with physical therapists to build strength before his release, McGrath said. REUTERS

## AN ALL-STAR IN HER EYES

5 Joel Embiid of the Philadelphia 76ers greets a young fan prior to the game against the Sacramento Kings at Wells Fargo Center on Monday. GETTY IMAGES

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# US: IRAN TESTED MEDIUM-RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILE

4 Iran on Sunday carried out a test launch of a medium-range ballistic missile that exploded after 630 miles, a U.S. official said on Monday. The official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the test was carried out from a site near Semnan, which is east of Tehran. The official added that the last time this type of missile was test-launched was in July 2016. The White House said it was aware that Iran had tested a missile. "We're looking into that. We're aware that Iran fired that missile. We're looking into the exact nature of it, and I'll try to have more for you later," White House spokesman Sean Spicer said during a press briefing. It was not immediately clear whether the test launch violated a United Nations Security Council resolution. REUTERS

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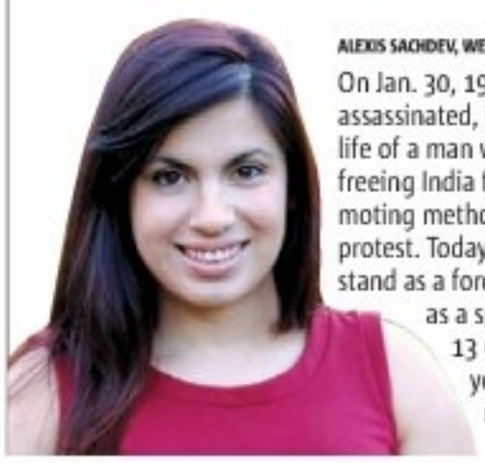

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# Businesses show opposition to Trump immigration ban

A popular brand's opposition to the president's immigration orders carries the risk of consumer backlash, says a marketing professor.

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Starbucks says it will hire 10,000 refugees in the coming years.

Google says it has started a $4 million "crisis fund" to defend its employees.

And the ACLU announced that over the weekend it raised six times the amount of money it usually does in an entire year.

While President Donald Trump's actions to build a wall along the Mexican border and ban refugees from entering the U.S. have sparked protests around the world, they have also prompted businesses to pledge millions of dollars to protect their workers, and ordinary Americans to open their wallets to support immigrant advocacy groups.

From a marketing standpoint, companies taking a stand against Trump's immigration orders are taking a calculated risk.

"Obviously, there is a concern about the issue of backlash," said Professor David Griffith, chair of the Department of Marketing at Lehigh University in Bethlehem. "We're seeing greater consumer activism. Consumers are becoming more reactionary."

Griffith points to the negative reaction to Starbucks' announcement about hiring refugees. A group of Twitter users objecting to the company's position started a #BoycottStarbucks campaign. By Monday morning, it was the highest trending topic on Twitter.

Still, it's not unusual for a brand to take a political stand on a controversial issue.

"I think that every organization has to look at its core values and take a position aligned to its core values," Griffith said.

Such expressions of opposition to Trump's orders have yielded a financial boon for the ACLU, whose attorneys fanned out to airports around the country over the weekend to help the hundreds of people detained by the immigration ban.

In one weekend it raised more than $24 million in online contributions. CNN reported that the group usually raises about $4 million in a year.

The U.S. is "a nation of immigrants" that historically has welcomed refugees to its shores, ACLU Executive Director Anthony Romero noted on CNN's "Fareed Zakaria GPS."

Ride-sharing company Lyft announced Sunday it was donating $1 million over the next four years to the ACLU, while Microsoft and the workplace software app Slack are promising to match donations to the organization.

Nike CEO Mark Parker didn't pledge a donation to any advocacy group but issued a statement to the company's employees to assure them that Nike "celebrates the power of diversity" and opposes the Trump orders.

*For what other company executives are saying, see metro.us.*

*"What we have been doing is highlighting the fact that refugees have a lot to contribute to the country, and they have a lot of value."*

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The Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) is a participant in the Moving to Work Demonstration Program (MTW) pursuant to an Amended and Restated Moving to Work Agreement (MTW Agreement) with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The MTW Agreement defines the terms and conditions under which PHA is a participant in the MTW Program and requires PHA to submit an MTW Annual Plan for HUD review and approval. PHA's MTW Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2017 was approved by HUD on July 6, 2016 and subsequently amended and approved by HUD on September 6, 2016. PHA's FY 2018 MTW Annual Plan, which was submitted to HUD in January 2017, is pending HUD approval as of the publication date of this notice.

PHA is providing an opportunity for public review and comments on a proposed amendment to the MTW Annual Plan concerning PHA's plans to convert 220 long-term vacant and distressed public housing units at various scattered site locations to project-based assistance under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. The public housing assistance for these units will be converted and transferred to Project Based Voucher (PBV) assistance at five (5) new construction or substantial rehab developments as further described in the proposed amendment under the transfer of assistance provisions of RAD.

The proposed amendment provides additional information concerning PHA's RAD conversion plans. It will be incorporated in its entirety into PHA's then current MTW Annual Plan through an attachment entitled "Rental Assistance Demonstration Significant Amendment". It is available for public review and downloading on PHA's website at www.pha.phila.gov under the "Latest News" section or may be picked up at the following locations:

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PHA will conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed amendment. PHA residents, Housing Choice Voucher participants and the general public are invited to attend and provide comments at the Hearing and/or to submit written comments during the public comment period. The Public Hearing is scheduled for the following time and location:

**Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 3:00 PM**
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The public comment period begins on January 27, 2017 at 12 noon and ends on February 27, 2017 at 12 noon. All comments must be received at PHA's office by the end of the comment period. Please send written comments to:

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Roz Pichardo, head of Operation Save Our City. PROVIDED

# Philly activists violence-free

Antiviolence activists have a lofty goal: a month without murders.

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President Donald Trump's comments last week that Philadelphia's murder rate is "terribly increasing" may have been a lot of hot air, but local activists are nonetheless alarmed by the number of killings on the streets.

The start of 2017 has been so bloody that activists are calling for a violence-free month in February.

"That would be a total blessing, to have no murders in February," said Roz Pichardo, an antiviolence activist and head of Operation Save Our City. "That would be an amazing, amazing month. You don't know how happy I'd be to see no murders in February."

> *"That would be a total blessing, to have no murders in February."*
> Roz Pichardo

Pichardo coined the hashtag #ViolenceFreeFeb, which has been shared by dozens of neighborhood groups campaigning to rally the public's interest in stopping violence for just four weeks.

The idea arose after a particularly bloody start to 2017, said Anti-Violence Coalition (AVC) executive director Bilal Qayyum. So far, there's been roughly one murder a day in January.

"The murder rate has dropped, but it could easily pop up again," Qayyum said. "That's why we tell folks, you got to stay out there, you got to keep the pressure on these young men out on the streets."

Pichardo, of Kensington, has experienced the pain of street violence herself, having lost her brother, and as a teenager, her boyfriend, in separate shootings.

Pichardo often takes her activism to the streets. She approaches people involved in beefs and tries to help quash them before bullets start flying. She also hands out gunlocks

# campaign for February

that come with pictures of Philly kids who have been accidentally killed by gunfire. And she counsels the families of victims.

"I'm proactive, I'm going to corners, talking to families of homicide victims, seeing what they can do for the next family," she said. "Because I know so many people in the corners, I know who has beef with whom."

She said she was "disappointed" that Trump told participants in the 2017 Joint Republican Congressional Retreat last week that "here in Philadelphia, murder has been steadily, I mean, just terribly increasing."

"That's not true. It's not terribly rising," she said.

Mayor Jim Kenney also blasted Trump's statement as a "false claim," and FOP Lodge #5 president John McNesby snidely remarked to Billy Penn, "That must have been one of his [Trump's] alternative facts."

But while the general trend in homicide in Philadelphia is downward — 2013 marked the lowest number of homicides since the 1960s — in the short-term, there has been a slight uptick.

There were 277 murders in 2016, up from 248 in 2013, according to police department statistics. (In the 1990s, year-end totals were typically over 400.) There have been 27 murders this year, as of Jan. 28, a 30 percent hike over this time last year.

The police department declined to comment on these fluctuations in the murder rate. Instead, the department points to its achievements in 2016: the third lowest number of homicides since 1984, the lowest number of robberies since 1969, lowest number of burglaries on record, and the lowest number of all violent crime since 1979.

*For more about the campaign, see metro.us.*

Homicides in Philly

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| 2016 | 277 |
| 2015 | 280 |
| 2015 | 280 |
| 2014 | 248 |
| 2013 | 246 |
| 2012 | 331 |
| 2011 | 326 |
| 2010 | 306 |
| 2009 | 302 |
| 2008 | 331 |
| 2007 | 391 |

Source: PPD

## HISTORICAL LANDMARK

**Grace Kelly's home to reopen to the public**

The home where Prince Rainier proposed marriage to actress Grace Kelly in 1955 will be open to the public as early as 2018, Monaco's Prince Albert told People magazine.

The prince, Kelly's son, recently purchased the six-bedroom Colonial home in Philadelphia's East Falls section for $754,000, Elfant Wissahickon Realtors told news reporters.

The house will be used as regional offices for the Princess Grace Foundation and as an extension of Monaco's Princess Grace Irish Library, People reported.

The prince said plans for the house include some public events, but won't infringe on the residential quality of the neighborhood.

"While it is a historical landmark, I don't think that a dedicated museum is the right avenue to take," the Prince told the magazine. "There will though be any number of events which will facilitate public viewing." The home was built in 1935 by John B. Kelley, Grace Kelly's father and prominent businessman. The house is a Pennsylvania historical landmark.

A 20-year-old Grace Kelly moved from Philadelphia to Hollywood, where she became an Oscar-winning actress.

She died at age 52 from injuries suffered in an automobile crash in 1982 in France.

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## COUNTDOWN

**Already counting the days till Trump is out of office? This calendar can help**

He's only been in office for 11 days, but if you're curious how many days are left until President Donald Trump's four years in the White House are up, it's 1,451 to be exact.

But instead of going online every time you want to know, a start-up project on Indiegogo offers an old-fashioned solution.

The Tear Away Trump calendar tracks exactly how many days are left until Inauguration Day 2021, when another president will be in office, or at least that's what the creators hope.

The daily desk calendar serves two purposes: One, it's meant as a "playful distraction" from the daily grind and a chance to insult, doodle on or do whatever else you wish with the president's image, according to the creators. And second, it serves as a donation, with proceeds going to the ACLU. Every dollar donated that doesn't go into production will be donated to the ACLU, according to the creators.

"Wouldn't it be great if there was a fun way to count down to the end of his presidency while defending the freedoms he's vowed to take away? We thought so," the creators wrote on their fundraising page.

A video promoting the calendar encourages people to get creative with their daily Trump: "Mold it, fold it, scold it," among plenty of other ideas.

Once the calendar has raised its goal of $50,000, it will go into production.

Backers can choose from one of four ways to support the effort, starting with a $40 donation that gets them one calendar. **ALEXIS SACHDEV**

# Colleges fear president's

Officials say the executive order may damage academic institutions when "the best and brightest start seeing that this is not a place that is welcoming."

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It didn't take long after President Donald Trump announced a temporary ban on certain immigrants that universities across the country began speaking out.

In a letter titled "We Are All Harvard," university President Drew Faust announced that the school was now looking to hire its first Muslim chaplain to provide guidance and support to students. "Thousands of students and scholars and visitors come to Harvard each year from all over the globe," she wrote.

Officials from colleges nationwide also responded to the ban, which restricts refugees and citizens from several predominantly Muslim countries from entering the U.S.

New York University President Andrew Hamilton shared his own immigrant story and assured the campus that the school will support "NYU colleagues and peers affected by this order."

Temple University President Richard M. Englert said that the school "prides itself on being a community of diverse scholars," and pointed students who had questions to the office of International Student and Scholar Services.

But as college officials begin to determine how they can best help students and faculty members who may be affected by the president's executive order, some are growing increasingly worried about its long-term impact on higher education in the U.S.

"Our intellectual enterprise has been built on the basic notion of this national ethos, this

MIT students rally at Boston's Copley Square on Saturday, standing in solidarity with international classmates. DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN/METRO

# long-term effects of immigration ban

American idea of openness," said Adil Najam, dean of Boston University's Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies.

"When the best and brightest start seeing that this is not a place that is welcoming, that on a whim a whole country will be written off, then they start thinking of alternatives."

After Trump signed the order Friday, stories of college students and faculty members who had beenaffected quickly gained attention.

Two Iranian UMass Dartmouth professors were detained at Boston's Logan Airport and an MIT student who went back to Tehran to see her parents was stopped from boarding a flight to the U.S. When a City University of New York doctoral student was denied from re-entering the U.S., it sparked rallies.

"What we have to look at is the meta message being sent here, and the meta message is that foreigners aren't welcome," said Lizbet Boroughs, an official with the American Association of Universities. "That could put higher education at a distinct disadvantage, when we have countries saying, 'We are more than happy to take whoever the U.S. doesn't want to admit.'"

The American Association of Universities released a statement following the ban that urges the Trump administration to make clear that the U.S. is open to those wishing to study, teach and research here.

That international community is "vital to our economy," the statement read.

Out of 350 Americans to have received a Nobel prize in research, more than 100 have been immigrants, Adil Najam of Boston University said. In addition to being a dean, Najam, who is Muslim and from Pakistan, is also a professor of international relations and earth and environment. He said he has "no doubt" that the refugee ban represents the first step for an administration he sees as increasingly hostile to certain kinds of immigrants.

"Our students are better off because they can get the best professors from around the world … our conferences are better because the best research scholars come from all over," he said. "I literally cannot visualize what U.S. higher education and research would be if, indeed, immigrants were taken away."

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# Top government lawyer defies Trump on immigration order

Acting AG Sally Yates told Justice Department lawyers that she did not believe defending the order would be "consistent with this institution's solemn obligation to always seek justice and stand for what is right."

Sally Yates GETTY IMAGES

The federal government's top lawyer made an extraordinarily rare move to defy President Donald Trump on Monday by saying the Justice Department would not defend new travel restrictions targeting seven Muslim-majority nations because she was not convinced they were lawful.

Trump's directive on Friday put a 120-day hold on allowing refugees into the country, an indefinite ban on refugees from Syria and a 90-day bar on citizens from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.

He has argued tougher vetting of immigrants is needed to protect America from terror attacks but critics complain that his order unfairly singles out Muslims and defiles America's historic reputation as a welcoming place for immigrants.

Yates, who was appointed by former Democratic President Barack Obama, is days away from being replaced by Trump's pick for the top spot at the Justice Department, Republican Sen. Jeff Sessions, who is awaiting Senate confirmation.

The White House dismissed her comments as rhetoric and said Trump acted within his presidential powers.

"I think that's a further demonstration of how politicized our legal system has become," said Stephen Miller, a policy adviser to Trump, in an interview on MSNBC.

U.S. stocks suffered their biggest drop of 2017 on Monday as investors took the curb on immigration as a reminder that not all the new president's policies would be market-friendly.

Chaos broke out over the weekend as border and customs officials struggled to put the order into practice amid loud protests at major U.S. airports. Federal judges blocked deportation of those detained under the order.

An internal Department of Homeland Security document seen by Reuters showed 348 visa holders were kept from boarding U.S.-bound flights this week, and more than 200 people came to the United States but were denied entry.

More than 735 people were pulled aside for questioning by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers in airports, including 394 green card holders, who are legal permanent residents of the United States, the document said.

Trump's order was developed hastily and was not extensively reviewed by the agencies which are now grappling with implementing it. Trump's administration is granting waivers from the refugee ban to allow 872 people into the country this week — refugees that had already been cleared for resettlement in the United States and were in transit when the order came out.

Washington state will be the first to take on the executive order, announcing an effort to sue in federal court.

"It is an insult and a danger to all of the people of the state of Washington, of all faiths," Gov. Jay Inslee, a Democrat, told reporters.

Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson said the lawsuit would include constitutional claims, including allegations that Trump's order violates the equal protection clause and the First Amendment. REUTERS

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# Document: Trump administration to allow 872 refugees into US this week

Congressional Democrats and some foreign countries, including key U.S. allies, put pressure on Trump on Monday over the executive order. GETTY IMAGES

The U.S. government has granted waivers to let 872 refugees into the country this week, despite President Donald Trump's executive order on Friday temporarily banning entry of refugees from any country, according to an internal Department of Homeland Security document seen by Reuters.

A Homeland Security official, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the waivers, noting that the refugees were considered "in transit" and had already been cleared for resettlement before the ban took effect.

Refugees preparing for resettlement typically have severed personal ties and relinquished their possessions, leaving them particularly vulnerable if their plans to depart are suddenly canceled.

The waivers, granted by the State Department and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), came amid international protests against Trump's rushed executive order. Critics said the order in some cases was not clearly communicated to the agencies responsible for implementing it.

It was not known if additional waivers would be granted, the official said. The document did not give the nationalities of the refugees who will be admitted into the United States.

Over the weekend, non-refugee visitors from seven majority-Muslim countries also targeted in Trump's executive order were detained, deported and in some cases blocked from boarding flights to the United States.

The countries covered by the traveler ban were Iran, Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Somalia, Libya and Yemen.

The internal DHS document said that between late Friday and early Monday 348 visa holders were prevented from boarding U.S.-bound flights. In addition, more than 200 people landed in the United States but were denied entry, the document showed.

More than 735 people were pulled aside for questioning by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers in airports, including 394 legal permanent U.S. residents holding green cards, over the same time period.

Trump said the executive order he signed on Friday was designed to protect the United States "from foreign terrorist entry."

The order stopped all refugee admissions for 120 days while government officials determine how to ensure that any refugees admitted do not pose a threat.

The 872 refugees to be admitted this week, under the waivers, were screened using Obama administration procedures, which typically take two years and include several interviews and a background check.

The DHS said on Sunday night that green card holders would be allowed to board U.S.-bound flights, but would be subjected to additional scrutiny upon arrival. REUTERS

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# Is Evan Rachel Wood engaged?

Evan Rachel Wood stepped out at the SAG Awards in a velvet tux that was classy AF and… a new beau?

According to Perez Hilton, his name is Zach Villa, and despite the matching wedding bands, the two are just engaged — for now.

Neither Wood or Villa mentioned their engagement, but they met while performing together at a John Hughes-themed cabaret in 2015. They later launched a two-person band, Rebel and a Basketcase.

It's just really convenient, because like, Wood's ex-husband, Jamie Bell, is recently engaged, too. Hmm.

Congrats to all of the lovely couples involved! RACHAEL CLEMMONS

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# First look: 'Ocean's 8' all-female cast rides the subway

Looks like the "Ocean's" franchise is staying afloat. We got a sneak peek at "Ocean's 8," an all-female "Ocean's Eleven" spinoff out this summer, when Warner Brothers released this photo of the cast riding the subway.

Sandra Bullock leads the pack as Debbie Ocean, the rumored sister to George Clooney's Danny Ocean. Mindy Kaling, Rihanna, Cate Blanchett, Sarah Paulson, Anne Hathaway and more make up the slick gang of robbers.

Because this is an "Ocean's" flick, it will center around a blowout heist, this time taking place at the Met Gala. Vogue's Anna Wintour will make an appearance, as will Kim Kardashian West and sisters Kylie and Kendall.

The film won't be without a male cameo from the original trilogy: Matt Damon is set to appear as his "Ocean's Eleven" character Linus Caldwell. KATE MOONEY

# Meet Gina Rodriguez's new boyfriend

The 32-year-old "Jane the Virgin" star brought out her main man to this weekend's SAG awards, and they were cute. Of course, we need to know everything about him. Here goes:

1. His name is Joe LoCicero. Clearly not horrible to look at. He's an actor, model and owner of a very strong jawline. I'm talking Prince Eric from "The Little Mermaid" strong, OK?

2. They met on the set of "Jane the Virgin." He played a stripper dressed up as Don Quixote, and I've literally never heard of anything more romantic.

3. And they're like, really, really in love. "Our first Christmas together and your love has been the greatest gift," wrote Rodriguez in an adorable IG post. I mean, come on. RC

# Azealia Banks is on a roll

Azealia Banks — a singer who spends more of her time trolling people on social media than she does putting out actual music — got into a bit of a tiff with singer/songwriter/professional kween Rihanna over Instagram, and it got really ugly. It all started when Rihanna took to Twitter to bash President Trump's executive order travel ban, calling the news devastating.

Banks wasn't having it. According to People, she came for Rihanna in a series of Instagram posts that have now conveniently been deleted, and suggested that Rihanna and other celebrities speaking out against the president should shut up and sit down. OK, girl.

Rihanna came back with the quickness, posting an Instagram post alluding to the fact that the "212" rapper practices witchcraft and sacrifices chickens. Yes, chickens.

From there, it got increasingly maddening, with Banks accusing Rihanna of um, growing up and playing soccer in a dirt yard with a coconut? Which seems really, really unnecessarily detailed. At the end of the day, Rihanna is still going to be famous, and Banks is still going to be less famous.

So let's just move on, shall we? RC

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## "THE LOBSTER" *AMAZON PRIME*

Jessica Barden and Colin Farrell look for love in "The Lobster." A24

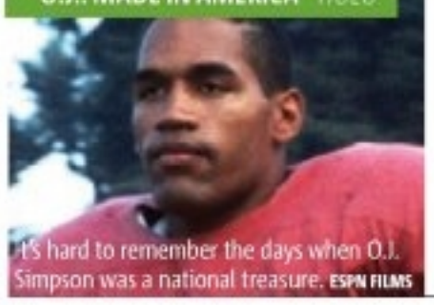
The majority of this year's Oscar nominees are or are from movies that — no surprise! — were released during Oscar season. So to catch up, you have to leave your house and buy a ticket. One title you can watch instantly, from the comfort of your recliner, is one of this year's unexpected moneymakers: That darkly comic dystopia in which single people have 45 days to find a romantic partner or else they're turned into an animal of their choice. "The Lobster" nabbed a nom for its imaginative — and in its second half tricky — screenplay, but we'd say it should have gotten another for Colin Farrell. As a divorcee who's chosen the eponymous sea creature as his potential final destination, he turns awkwardness into a beautiful, hilarious, deadpan art.

## "CAMERAPERSON" *AMAZON PRIME*

Filmmaker Kirsten Johnson is seen in the rearview mirror in "Cameraperson." JANUS FILMS

This year's Best Documentary Oscar quintet is strong, with not only "O.J." (see below) but "I Am Not Your Negro" and "13th" — all three incisive and fiery explorations of race in America. One film not on the list that should have been is Kirsten Johnson's "Cameraperson." Johnson is a longtime cinematographer for documentaries, and her deeply unique film is a collection of old footage that never made their films' final cut. It's a diverse lot: footage from war zones, a boxer walking off a lost fight, Johnson's late mother — all coming to us as if on shuffle. We don't know anything about each clip except that it means something to her. What it means for us, the viewers, is that we're forced to ruminate about what it means to point a camera at something and shoot. In an age of too many images, so many that they lose their meaning, "Cameraperson" wants us to stop and think.

## "O.J.: MADE IN AMERICA" *HULU*



It's hard to remember the days when O.J. Simpson was a national treasure. ESPN FILMS

One Oscar-feted film that might work best at home is this sprawling, exhaustive (but never exhausting) doc on the life of Orenthal James Simpson. Why? Because it runs nearly eight hours. What would seem daunting in a movie theater works like a dream on your TV. Divided into five parts, it covers a life that once seemed to define the American dream, before taking a hairpin turn into its worst nightmare. Director Ezra Edelman gives himself acres of space to tease out all the complexities of Simpson's life and trial, in turn speaking to race, class and the way the media tells us both what we want to hear and what people want us to think. It's like a rich doorstop of a novel, and one you can't put down.

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# Should entertainers get political?

The risks and rewards of taking a stand.

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Mahershala Ali, Julia Louis-Dreyfus and David Harbour were among the celebrities who made political statements at the 2017 SAG Awards. GETTY IMAGES

Since the inauguration of President Donald Trump, celebrities have stepped up the activism. At Sunday night's SAG Awards, winners took the opportunity to renounce his recent immigration ban.

It kicked off with the night's first winner, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, who delivered a moving acceptance speech after winning the Best Actress Award in a Comedy Series for "Veep."

"My father fled religious persecution in Nazi-occupied France," she said. "I'm an American patriot. And I love this country, and because I love this country, I am horrified by its blemishes, and this immigrant ban is a blemish, and it is un-American."

Louis-Dreyfus was followed by a tearful Mahershala Ali. The actor, who won the award for Best Supporting Actor in "Moonlight," revealed the friction between he and his mother, an ordained minister, when he first converted to Islam.

"I'm a Muslim," he said. "She didn't do back flips when I called her to tell her I converted 17 years ago. But I tell you now, we put things to the side. We love each other, the love has grown and that stuff is minutiae. It's not that important."

For some fans, seeing their favorite high-profile celebrities make such public political displays is empowering, but on the flip side, Hollywood has been called out for having an elitist attitude and alienating fans with opposing views.

> *"Audiences support authenticity."*
>
> Steve Beer, entertainment attorney

Billy Mann, founder and chairman of Manncom, a talent-management company that represents artists like Natasha Bedingfield, says mainstream culture is emerging from an era where entertainers left politics at home.

"As the political climate is increasingly volatile, and as we are increasingly divided, this is really where artists have the opportunity to do their best work," he says.

Mann can personally relate to taking a political stance through music, co-writing "Dear Mr. President" with Pink in 2006. The song addressed to former President George W. Bush touched on topics like war, gay rights and education.

"There was a lot of controversy and pushback, and radio stations here were reluctant to play it," says the two-time Grammy nominee. "But it did really well internationally. The internet creates a whole new access point for artists to reach people."

No one can deny the power of the internet and how it's changed the consumption of media across the board. Just as Trump uses Twitter to rally his supporters, entertainers share the same direct line to their own fans — sans corporate control.

But how about when big money is involved? If an actor gets political and loses the support of viewers with differing opinions, does that make them less appealing for projects?

Sharon Hall, president of Endemol Shine Studios, thinks it's too early to say: "I haven't been in production during the Trump era, so this is something that probably will be playing out over the next couple of months," she says. "But art is there to reverberate themes that are in society, so I don't think it's any surprise that people in the arts are politically minded one way or another."

Hall, who headed development for the hit show "Breaking Bad," also says that in today's entertainment landscape, because viewing habits are increasingly niche and customizable, political differences between performers and fans don't matter as much as they used to.

"We're not necessarily writing for one group of people," she says.

So what about boycotts like the one Piers Morgan launched against Ewan McGregor? Losing a large chunk of an audience must be unappealing to investors in a film or TV project, right?

According to Hall, not necessarily:

"I don't know how effective a call for a boycott is actually going to be. It may disqualify any extreme right-wing supporters from watching McGregor's work, but it may also encourage people from the radical left to rally behind him."

Entertainment attorney Steven Beer believes entertainers need to do what they believe in, as authenticity is what counts most: "This is a time when fans want to know where you stand and they want to understand what their artists, whether it's a musician or an actor, what they believe in — whether or not they're spiritually aligned. Audiences support authenticity."

How do you feel about your favorite entertainers taking a stance? Tell us at **metro.us**

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Bollywood star Deepika Padukone plays a badass anarchist in "xXx: Return of Xander Cage."
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# Greetings from Bollywood

The Indian megastar shows Hollywood her moves in "xXx: Return of Xander Cage."

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Back home in India, Deepika Padukone is a major movie star. One of the highest-paid actresses in the world, Padukone — of hits like "Om Shanti Om," "Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani" and "Chennai Express" — was bound to swing by Hollywood at some point. And so she has. In "xXx: Return of Xander Cage," Padukone plays Serena, a member of an anarchist team sought by Vin Diesel's not-dead-after-all Xander. Like Asia Argento in the first "xXx," Serena is no mere pretty face; she brings it as good as our hero. That means plenty of chances for Padukone to show her stuff.

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**It's worth noting that Serena is never a damsel in distress. She's as tough as Xander. And she is different from some of the characters you've played.**
I think all women can be everything at once. I do not think that a woman should only be one thing. A woman can be strong but also vulnerable. She can be tender, sexy and at the same time delicate and fragile. I do not believe in putting people in boxes and thinking that we can only be one way. I think every one of us has so much more in our lives and personalities. So maybe I do act like this in the movie, but even the character shows different facets at certain times.

**What do you like about Serena the most?**
Her mind. I think the fact that she is so strong and independent. She knows what she's fighting for. But she's also funny and she's a girl, too. She's vulnerable and emotional. I think those are the things that I identified with the most.

**This is your first big Hollywood film. Coming from Bollywood, that must have seemed like a different way of working.**
That was the exciting part. That it was my job to go to work in a completely new industry, in a new environment, I took it as a challenge. At the end of the day, for me the important thing is to be part of great films as well as having the ability to interpret exciting and interesting characters. It's fun and healthy, leaving behind the work from home and start from scratch.

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# Fighting stigma — with style

Isabella Springmuhl, reportedly the first fashion designer with Down syndrome, talks her budding fashion career.

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Isabella Springmuhl has faced her share of obstacles, but the 19-year-old has since become the most recognized fashion designer in Guatemala. Despite being unable to finish her fashion course at a local college and the ongoing Down syndrome discrimination she faces, Springmuhl's work has appeared at the U.K.'s International Fashion Showcase in 2016 and at London Fashion Week.

Her brand, dubbed Down to Xjabelle, is her homage to traditional Guatemalan handcraft. She combines it with colorful and authentic contemporary silhouettes. With two official collections and an online store, Springmuhl aims to promote her fashion point of view worldwide.

Isabella Springmuhl is following her dream. ALL IMAGES PROVIDED

**When did you discover your love for fashion?**

I discovered it as a little child. My grandmother had an atelier, which made clothes using Guatemalan fabrics, so I think that fashion design is in my veins. My mother told me to read fashion magazines for hours. After that, I started making designs on paper and creating dresses for my dolls. I didn't know how to sew, so I attached them with pins.

When I was in high school, I had to do a "life project." I had to identify what things I had to do in short, medium and long term. Doing that, I discovered that I loved design. I wanted to be a fashion designer and have my own brand.

**What's your daily routine like?**

After breakfast, I take sewing classes, or I do horse riding. I also take Zumba classes. Everyday I go to my atelier to create pieces. The seamstresses make [my drawings come to life]. In the afternoon, I learn more about fashion design on the internet.

**What is your dressmaking process?**

I have a mannequin book, where I draw my designs. After that, I color them. Later, in my computer software, I make them 3-D and print them. In the atelier, I give instructions to the seamstresses and embroiderers. With their help, my designs turn into reality.

> *"It is great to be recognized for what is inside my heart and for my work. That is the way I prove that people like me can achieve their goals"*
>
> Isabella Springmuhl, designer

**Where did the name for your label come from?**

My brand is called Down to Xjabelle. Down because I have Down syndrome. Xjabelle was the name of my granny's atelier.

**What has been the best experience you've had as fashion designer?**

Being known for my heart and work. I feel happy for all the love that I receive from so many people worldwide.

## Shop her line

You can shop Isabella's creations at downtoxjabelle.com:

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# Healthy Super Bowl snacks

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Healthy hacks for game day snacks. ISTOCK PHOTO

Guilt-free game day eats.

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It could be argued that the best part about watching the Super Bowl — beyond the halftime entertainment, clever ad debuts and (occasional) moments of on-field excitement — is getting to eat and drink whatever you want. Even if you have no allegiance to the Pats or the Falcons, or Lady Gaga, you can always dig into the bevy of greasy eats, from buffalo wings to chili, to chips and guac.

But if you're not ready to surrender your new year's diet for one afternoon of leatherhead-sponsored indulgence, there are ways to snack as you watch without sacrificing taste or nutrition. Tricia Williams, the executive chef and founder of Food Matters NYC, an organic customized food delivery service, shares guilt-free recipes that you can use on game day.

## Quinoa Doritos

This healthy spin on the junk food wonder of your childhood substitutes a spice mix of garlic powder, onion powder, red pepper powder, green pepper powder, turmeric, a pinch of ancho chili powder and nutritional yeast in place of the finger-linking "nacho cheese" topping.

The protein-rich quinoa chips are formed out of a dough of quinoa flour, salt and water, lightly sauteed in saffron or sunflower oil on high heat, and then baked in the oven at 300 degrees until crispy.

## Kimchi popcorn

Kimchi powder, coconut oil and a pinch of sea salt make for a spicy, jazzed-up popcorn that's also good for you. Kimchi is a probiotic, which means it contains immunity-building bacteria that aid in digestion, while coconut oil is a good source of healthy fat and fiber. "I find popcorn tossed in coconut oil helps you feel fuller for longer so you don't eat as much," Williams says.

To make the kimchi spice, spread the contents of one small jar of kimchi on a baking sheet and roast at low heat, with the oven door slightly open, for about four hours or until dried out. Then, blend or grind up the dehydrated kimchi until its powder-fine. (If you don't have the time or patience for this process, Williams recommends subbing in any store-bought vegetable powder, such as spinach or beet.)

## Healthier buffalo wings

"Restaurant chicken wings are often coated with white flour and fried in vegetable oil. I like to bake my wings until they are super crispy and then toss them in our vegetable-based buffalo sauce," explains Williams.

Her butter-free buffalo sauce combines diced vegetables including red peppers, carrots, onions with tomato paste, cider vinegar and maple syrup to give it a tang and thickness. The wings are tossed with canola oil and sea salt and then baked at high heat. She pairs it with a "blue cheese" dipping sauce, which blends cashews until they're creamy and adds apple cider and lemon.

### Kimchi Popcorn Recipe

*Provided by Yancy Gandionco, Food Matters NYC chef*

1 small jar kimchi
3 tablespoons coconut oil
1/3 cup organic or heirloom popcorn kernels
Sea salt to taste
Yields: 4 Servings

Preheat oven to its lowest setting. Strain jar of kimchi. Spread kimchi evenly out onto a parchment lined baking sheet. Place in oven with door slightly open. Let dry overnight or until kimchi is completely dried out. Place in blender or spice grinder and pulverize into a powder. Set aside.

In a three-quart pot, heat coconut oil, popcorn kernels and salt over medium heat. Allow kernels to pop. Remove from heat and sprinkle immediately with kimchi powder.

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# Villanova passes test against Virginia, shows they can still win with defense

The Wildcats dropped to No. 4 in the rankings after a loss last week.

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No matter who their on-court hero is game by game, the Wildcats keep finding ways to get it done. GETTY IMAGES

Time will tell if Donte DiVincenzo's improbable buzzer beating tip-in giving Villanova a stunning 61-59 win over Virginia at a raucous Wells Fargo Center on Sunday proves to be anywhere near as memorable as the last time the Cats won when the horn went off.

Because all that Kris Jenkins shot did was win them the National Championship.

But Jay Wright will gladly take this one too, figuring if nothing else, a game like this should sharpen their skills for when they finally try to defend their title in March. Especially when the 20-2 Wildcats' still stinging from squandering a 13-point lead in the last six minutes in a 74-72 loss at Marquette couldn't make a shot the entire first half.

Not only that, but leading scorers Josh Hart and Jenkins were a combined 0-for-the-building over the first 32-plus minutes against the 12th-ranked Cavaliers (16-3), who returned three starters from a team that reached the Elite 8. Yet Wright kept them in the lineup because rather than sulk about the shots not falling they put their effort into the defensive end of the floor.

"Shooters have to do other things to remain in the game," said Wright after the Wildcats shrugged off an abominable 4-for-22, 18.2 percent first half by going 6-for-6 from 3-point range in the second. "If he's just a shooter but not defending, rebounding or passing, you can't keep him in.

"When guys like that don't get their points, sometimes they slip defensively, or their leadership slips. But Josh and Kris brought their leadership and their defense to another level. That's what our program's been about."

## NO. 4

AFTER LAST WEEK'S LOSS TO MARQUETTE — JUST THEIR SECOND OF THE SEASON — THE WILDCATS DROPPED TO FOURTH IN BOTH POLLS FROM FIRST (BEHIND GONZAGA, KANSAS AND BAYLOR).

Villanova can win with offense and with defense. And that's what matters most in March.

"I've got to focus on different things" Hart said, "playing a opponent like Virginia. At halftime I told the guys that if we all buy in and play 20 minutes of Villanova basketball we'd be in the game at the end. And the game comes down to the last possession."

It was DiVincenzo, the 6-foot-5 redshirt freshman who played eight games last year before a broken bone in his foot prematurely ended his season, who broke UVA's heart. He came flying in unchecked to tip it around the rim and in, replay confirming the ball left his hand with 0.2 seconds remaining.

"I wasn't worried about that," said DiVincenzo, whose hoop assured Villanova wouldn't lose back-to-back games for the first time since 2013. "If it didn't go in, we had overtime. If it did go in, great."

Once the spontaneous celebration died down, Wright talked about how valuable a game like this can be in the long run for the fourth-ranked Cats who fell from their perch on top.

"We have so much respect for their team and their program," said Wright, whose club gets back to Big East business Wednesday at Providence. "We were looking forward to this game and knew that we'd be tested. The way they guarded us, the way executed their offense, we're gonna learn so much from this game — even if we'd lost."

They didn't lose, of course, thanks to another buzzer beater. While Jenkins' shot will always stand alone, time will tell whether DiVincenzo's winning tip is a harbinger of things to come for the Wildcats, who'll soon try to become the first team since Florida in 2007 to successfully defend their crown.

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The Sixers are finally seeing a small measure of success in the wake of Sam Hinkie's extreme rebuild. GETTY IMAGES

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Revel in this, Sam Hinkie fans. Bask in the moment, Process believers.

Suddenly, the Sixers have become the best show in town. After a 7-24 start, the sad-sack franchise has gone 10-5 in a drive toward respectability. Coach Brett Brown finally has the lads closing out wins. Joel Embiid, our city's most exciting addition since Roy Halladay, even dared to use the word "playoffs."

That's a long shot this season. But their improvement is palpable. And their games have gone from being a $2 bargain on StubHub to must-see events. Ninety percent of this is about Embiid, who (knock on wood) is destined to become one of the NBA's top-five players. Still, the team has also won a few recent contests without Embiid, getting hero turns from the likes of T.J. McConnell and Richaun Holmes.

Hinkie's Heroes see this as affirmation that their fallen leader is a vindicated martyr. And that's their right. Hinkie's plan was to be awful for as long as it took to accumulate superstars. Embiid gives them one now. There's hope Ben Simmons can be the second.

As a fervent critic of "the Process," it would be disingenuous for me to deny that. Anyone with eyes can see that the Sixers are nicely set up for the future, with more lottery picks coming. Hinkie deserves a good deal of credit for that.

But I'll fall short of getting #TTP tattooed on my belly. Just as there are some in the anti-Hinkie camp who now blindly refuse to face facts (I heard someone the other day claim that Bryan Colangelo's move for Ersan Ilysasova was the real difference maker), there are Hinkie-ites taking a premature victory lap.

The rationale behind three seasons of tankathon was to stop being that franchise that regularly goes to the playoffs, just to get eliminated in the first round. A noble goal for sure, but one that remains far in the distance. The Sixers are out of the ditch now and picking up speed. But they're still on training wheels.

Was Hinkie a genius? I don't think so. By not signing a point guard one season and rotating through dozens of "gypsy players," as Brown called them, Hinkie showed more guts than brains. His plan was to deliberately lose for as long as it took, even as external pressure kept building to pull the plug.

So give him credit for brass balls. And, while I still can't figure why he drafted both Nerlens Noel and Jahlil Okafor, give him credit for foresight in taking Embiid and Dario Saric.

Eat crow? Maybe a wing's worth. I'll never apologize for refusing to root for my team to lose. I still cannot abide charging patrons full fare and deliberately putting out an inferior product year after year. Yes, my problem may be mostly with the NBA's inane structure, but I still consider long-term tanking a sports crime.

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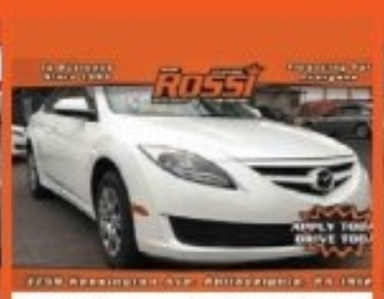
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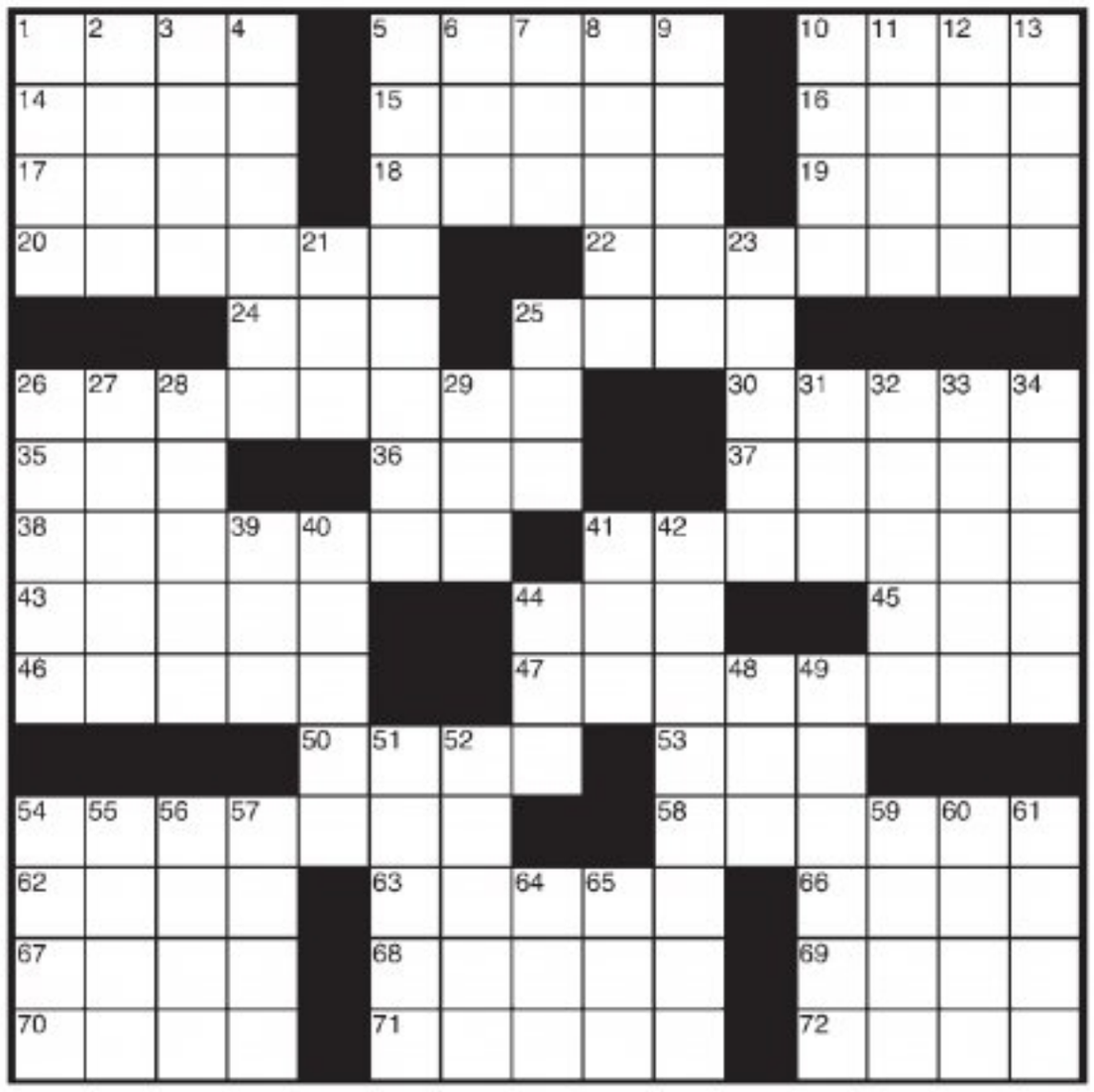

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**Leo** Making travel plans or domestic alterations that will encourage you to spend more time working on personal goals is encouraged. Added discipline will help you.

**Virgo** Keep your money and possessions locked up. Don't be tempted to gamble or to pay for someone else's mistakes. Don't let someone take advantage of you.

**Libra** Emotional energy will surface, giving you the drive you need to make things happen. Choose to engage in positive, progressive action and avoid disputes.

**Scorpio** Get out and have fun. Try something new or engage in activities that will motivate you to try new things. Make a commitment to yourself or someone you love.

**Sagittarius** It's a good day to stay active. More action and less talk will help you avoid being taken for granted. Don't limit what you can do. Do what's best for yourself.

**Capricorn** Rely on past experience to help you make wise choices. Don't get swept into someone else's plans when you have good ideas that should be implemented.

**Aquarius** You can create a safe zone if you distance yourself from users and abusers. Focus on taking care of your needs and the needs of those you love.

**Pisces** Emotions can be helpful if you speak from the heart and let your true feelings and intentions be known. It's hidden matters and secrets that will get in your way. EUGENIA LAST

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